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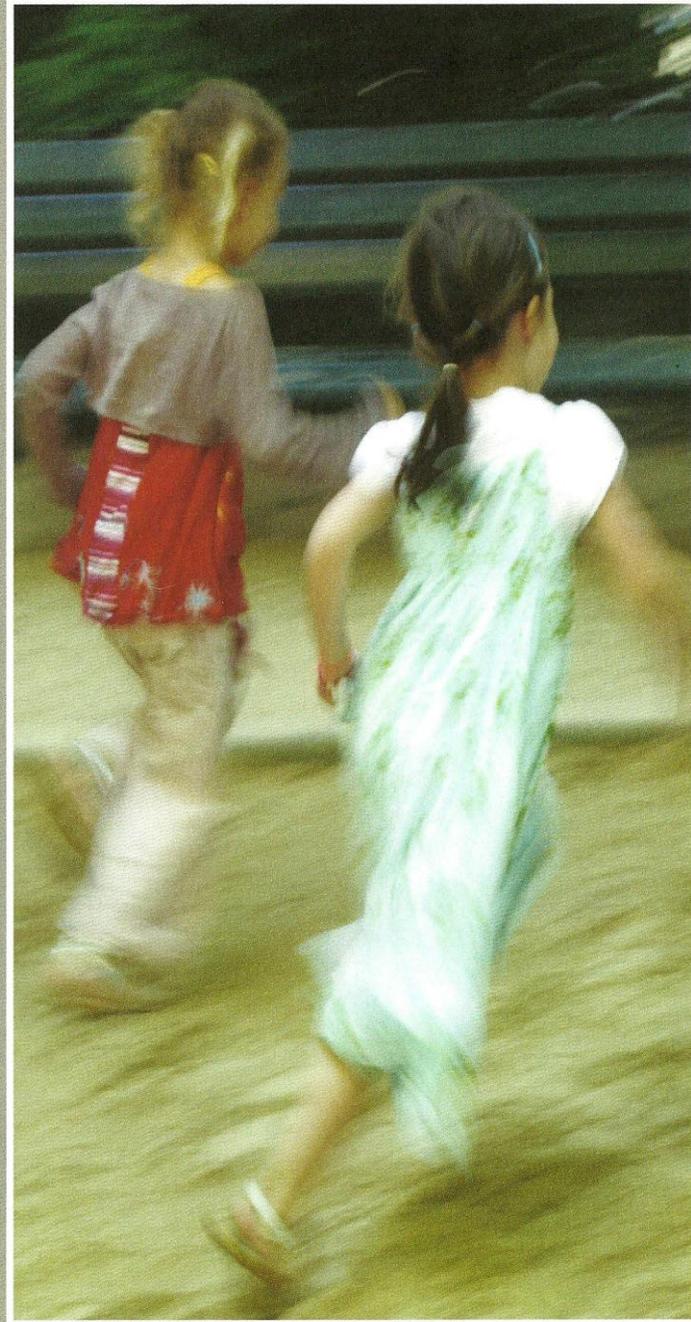
the photos. Every single one was blurry. It wasn't the photographer's fault, of course – the kids were singing "Jump with Joy!" and dancing at the front of the church.

I soon realized that if those pictures had been perfectly in focus, it would have been very sad. It would have meant that the children were not singing God's praises, not smiling, not expressing their faith through their whole bodies. They would have been standing still.

Jesus is always on the move, especially the way Luke tells the story. He is forever going hither and yon, setting out in boats or walking into new towns. In the early church, Christians understood themselves to be people of "The Way." They were following Jesus and working to change the world.

We would do well to join them, leaving behind blurry photos of our journey with Jesus too.

The Rev. Kristine O'Brien is in ministry with the congregation
of Trafalgar Church in Oakville, Ontario.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, June 30, 2013

Elder Ordination Service

Please stand at items marked * if you are able.
Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison

Organ Prelude - Hymn and Quiet Reflection
Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Bert Vancook

Organist - Carol Wehrstedt Music Director- Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Introit

* Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship

* Hymn: *Praise the Lord* # 466

Opening Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Exchanging the Peace of Christ

Special Music: "O rest in the Lord" by Ken House

* Hymn *God of the sparrow* # 307
(Children go to Sunday School during the last verse)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation:

Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righteousness; make your way plain before my face; for it is you, and you, God only, who makes me to dwell in safety.

Bible Readings:

Psalm 77: 11-20 P. 537 O.T.
2 Kings 2: 1-14 P. 332 & 333 O.T.

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Prayer Concerns:

Marie Huffman (Roseview)
and her granddaughter, Bronwyn

Susan Mattinson's ordination will happen on July 14th at 7:30 pm in Hunter River Presbyterian Church, Hunter River, PEI.

The Fellowship Committee wishes to thank all who attended the Spring Luncheon last Sunday. Special thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make the luncheon happen. Also many thanks to Bert for his ministry with us.

Upcoming Events at First

Crafts and Conversation will meet on the second and fourth Fridays of the month at 1:00 pm

In July, we will get together on the 12th and the 26th.

Please bring a project and join us.



Reminder:

Starting July 7th, Sunday worship services will be at 10:00 am.

Also please note the days and times the office will be open during the summer will fluctuate. Also contrary to last week's bulletin please have bulletin submissions in by Tuesdays at noon (not Wednesdays). Thank you.

Next week's (July 7th) Worship leader(s):

Roberta Casella and Ruth George (elders)

**Summer Pastoral Emergencies - Interim Moderator -
Rev. Jim Patterson (807) 854-0765**

**Also available for emergencies - Rev. Harold Hunt
(345-5400)**

ORDINATION PRAYER

Congregation's Response to Ordination Prayer:

God of grace, who baptized us into a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ; who called us to be a priesthood of all believers; who entrusted to us the message of reconciliation; we pray for courage and discipline to follow where your elders rightly lead us, that together we may declare your mighty acts and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ who is ruler of all.

Declaration of Ordination

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: *Blest are they* # 624

Blessing

Response: *Sing Amen* 264



Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Patricia Creed

Fellowship Time: Joyce Nystrom and Janet Taylor

Elevator Operator: Terry Stein

Offering Counting: Lynae Grace and Myrna Grace

Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor

Visiting:: Leslie Shaw and Betty Irving

Next week's volunteers: July 7th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Richard Noy

Fellowship Time: Juice

Elevator Operator: Alan Irwin

Offering Counting: Alice & Laird Morrison and Linda Rydholm

Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor

Visiting: Leslie Shaw and Betty Irving

Grass Cutting:

June 16 to June 29 - Cameron and Richard Noy

June 30 to July 13 - Rod MacKay

July 14- to July 27 - Don Murray

Gloria

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* Hymn: *Come let us sing*

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Sermon

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response

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Riches I heed not, nor vain earthly praise,
thou my inheritance through all my days,
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

* Prayer of Dedication

Let your power, O God, be in us all, that we may use these gifts to share the world suffering and to set right its wrongs. We pray through Jesus.

ORDINATION OF ELDERS

There are varieties of gifts,
but the same Spirit.

There are varieties of services,
but the same Lord.

There are varieties of activities,
but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone

To each one is given a gift by the Spirit,
to use it for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

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Narration of Steps

Preamble

All ministries of the church proceed from and are sustained by the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is our Prophet, Priest and King, the minister of the covenant of grace. By the operation of God's Word and Spirit, the church is gathered, equipped and sent out to participate in this ministry. All members of the church are called to share the gospel with the world, and to offer to God the worship and service that are due the Creator from the creation, through Christ, the only mediator, until he comes again. That the church may be continually renewed and nurtured for ministry, Christ furnishes the church with pastors and teachers. He requires and enables the church to discern and to confirm by ordination those whom he calls to this pastoral and teaching office. The standards of his church he entrusts in a special degree of responsibility to their care.

The Form of Presbyterian Church Government of the Westminster Assembly reminds us that Christ has furnished some in the church, beside the ministers of the Word, with gifts for government and with commission to execute the same, when called thereunto, who are to join with the minister in the government of the church, which officers reformed churches commonly call elders.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada is bound only to Jesus Christ, the church's King and Head. The scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as the written Word of God, testifying to Christ the living Word, are the measure of all doctrine, by which Christ rules our faith and life. We acknowledge our historic continuity with the holy catholic church and our doctrinal heritage in the ecumenical creeds, and the confessions of the Reformation. Our subordinate standards are the Westminster Confession of Faith as adopted in 1875 and 1889, the Declaration of Faith Concerning Church and Nation of 1954, Living Faith (Foi Vivante) as adopted in 1998, and such doctrine as the church, in obedience to Scripture and under the promised guidance of the Holy Spirit, may yet confess in the church's continuing function of reformulating the faith.

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THE VOWS:

Ken, Laird, Brenda, Terry:

1. Do you believe in God, made known in Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom the Holy Spirit witnesses in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?
2. Do you accept the subordinate standards of this church, promising to uphold its doctrine under the continual illumination and correction of the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scriptures, and to be guided thereby in fostering Christian belief, worship and service among the people?
3. Do you accept the government of this church by sessions, presbyteries, synods and general assemblies, and do you promise to submit yourself to all lawful oversight therein, and to follow no divisive course, but to seek the peace and unity of Christ among your people and throughout the holy catholic church?
4. In accepting the office of elder, do you promise to perform your duties in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, striving to build up his church and to strengthen its mission in the world.

Questions to the Congregation:

1. Do you confess your faith in God as creator and ruler of the world, in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your inspiration and strength
We do
2. Do you receive Ken, Laird, Brenda and Terry as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead you in the way of Christ.
We do.
3. Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions as they guide you, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church.
We do.

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